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Vicki Brooker photo

No escape possible

The Senior Star Skate dwarfs aren't going to let the queen, played by Chyanne Fisher and disguised as an old hag, get away with her attempt to regain her title as 'fairest of them all' by feeding Snow White a poisoned apple, in the Elk Point Skating Club's presentation of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' on Saturday at the A. G. Ross Arena.

Heigh-ho! Off to carnival we go!

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point's A. G. Ross Arena was taken over by woodland creatures and dwarfs on Saturday afternoon, as Elk Point Skating Club presented "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" for an excellent crowd of families and friends as they wrapped up their 2013-14 season with their annual carnival.

Junior Star Skaters Katelyn Boratynec, Desiree Garrett, Kyra Ockerman, Brooklyn Devris, Aurora Smith, Ayvah Smith, Christine Guerzon, Chantelle Guerzon and Paige Skarsen introduced the presentation with their routine to open the afternoon.

Candace Braun, in the title role of Snow White, skated dreamily around the rink, dreaming of the day her prince would come, until suddenly, there he was, in the person of Kaiden Evans-Anderson, who joined her in her dance number.

All was tranquil in the forest until the queen, an imperious little figure in red and black, played by solo skater Janyka Evans-Anderson, learns from her tattletale mirror that she is no longer the fairest of them all. That will never do, and she calls on the huntsman, soloist Catherine Nofall, to hunt down Snow White.

Scared off by the huntsman, Snow White retreats further into the forest, where she finds much more agreeable companions, the forest's birds and animals, played by Can Skate Group One: Kennedy Pierce, Bo Johnson, Miles Koren, Nolan Ballas, Jacob Petruk, Sandile Dzingirayi, Rian Skarsen, Vanessa Ginez and Trayden Gadwa. As Snow White and her forest friends dance along, they come upon a tiny home. It's the dwarfs' hut!

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Tourism, dog park delegations visit council

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council had a full house on hand last Monday, with three delegations on the agenda.

Sheila Neil of Kalyna Country is visiting member communities throughout the region "to get the word out that we're still here, and to ask what we can do for you." Kalyna Country is partnering with Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) in this year's guide, she noted, with that publication to be ready for distribution March 21, and is also booked into trade shows with the DMO. "Travel Alberta wants us to collaborate, so we did," she noted.

Kalyna Country chair Wayne Taylor is also hoping to spearhead collaboration with the other 16 ecomuseums across Canada, Neil says, explaining that ecomuseums focus on tourism, history, culture and people. She distributed copies of Kalyna's new day trips tourism map, and said there is a possibility that

a winter tourism map could also be forthcoming if there enough interest is shown. They are looking for "the right company" to do videos of selected areas within Kalyna Country. "The idea stems from Travel Alberta's 'Remember to Breathe' campaign. They do the mountains and Drumheller, but what about the other 95 per cent? There's a lot more to Alberta." Kalyna Country's annual meeting is coming up in April in Innisfree, she reported.

The second delegation may have been the youngest ever to come before town council. Ten-year-old Emma Ellerton came equipped with well-researched brochures and display and confidently laid out her proposal that Elk Point should have at least one fenced dog park, where local pets could exercise and interact. She suggested locations, rules, hours of operation and fundraising ideas for such a park, and even listed the dog park operators she had interviewed and local dog owners from whom she had gotten input. Mayor Parrish Tung thanked her for her interest and offered to

take the matter to the Public Works committee meeting for consideration.

The third delegation was a ratepayer seeking relief for a tax penalty, who was told the matter would be discussed in camera before a decision could be made.

Sidewalk snow is town's problem

The snow piles on sidewalks along Highway 41 were found to be the town's responsibility after all, as sidewalk snow removal is not part of the highway maintenance contact.

Coun. Debra McQuinn noted that in that case, the sidewalks should be cleaned as part of the regular snow removal cycle. Town manager Myron Goyan noted that it might be helpful if snow was piled on the edge of the highway rather than blown onto the sidewalks.

A letter from a ratepayer living along Highway 41 regarding the snow-clogged sidewalks will also be discussed at the public works meeting.

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HIGHLIGHTS

March 11, 2014

Council Meeting

Fire Permits – Just a reminder that Fire Permits are required for all types of open burning within the County.

Summer Hours for Landfills – Effective April 1, 2014 the Manned Landfill Sites will revert to summer hours. The Elk Point, St. Edouard, St. Lina, Vincent Lake, and Whitney Lake sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ashmont will be open on Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mallaig will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Volunteer Income Tax Program – Trained volunteers will be available to complete income tax returns for County residents, free of charge. You can drop your information off at the County Office and after your tax return is completed, you will receive a call to pick it up. Volunteers will also be in Mallaig on March 25th and in Ashmont on March 26th from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to complete tax returns. To find out if you qualify for this service or for more information, call 780-645-1950.

Annual Meeting – will be held April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Building. The auditors will be in attendance to present the financial statements.

Equipment for Sale – Old equipment from the Public Works and the Ag Departments will be advertised for sale in the local newspaper. Equipment can be viewed at the Public Works Shop.

Waste Transfer & Recycling Station, Joint Capital & Operating Agreement – Council renewed the agreement with the Town of St. Paul for the joint operation of the Waste Transfer & Recycling Station. The split for capital and operating costs will be on a 75:25 basis, with the County responsible for the 25%. The transfer station will continue to be operated by the Town of St. Paul under the standards set out by the Evergreen Waste Commission.

Ashmont and Mallaig Fire Halls – The halls are now completed and the fire departments are planning to have everything moved in by the end of March. Grand openings for the fire halls will be planned for the summer.

Joint Lagoon Feasibility Study – Council awarded the Request for Proposal for engineering consulting services to complete a Wastewater Treatment Facility Feasibility Study to Urban Systems. The study will be done under a regional collaboration grant jointly with the County of Two Hills and has been awarded to Urban Systems.

Murphy Road – Council deferred a decision on the overlay on the Murphy Road until they meet with the Minister of Transportation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL BEEF PRODUCERS REGARDING WILDLIFE DAMAGE – A short survey has been developed to gather information from beef producers in Alberta as part of a project to help understand the cost of wildlife to beef operations. The purpose of the survey is to understand the wildlife species having an economic impact on beef operations, what the impacts are as well as to gain an understanding of the costs of these impacts. This is the initial step to understanding the complexity of wildlife and human interactions. Council is encouraging all beef producers to participate in the on-line survey at www.beefsurvey.ca. Deadline to answer the survey is March 31, 2014.

Funding Support:

– \$500 each Mallaig Bantams, St. Paul Atoms, St. Paul Midgets to attend Provincial Hockey Tournaments

For more information contact Sheila Kitz, CAO,
County of St. Paul at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

Murphy Road tabled to special meeting

JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

County of St. Paul council was expected to hold a special council meeting in Edmonton on Monday, in order to potentially proceed with the overlay on Murphy Road and award the tender to the lowest bidder.

On Feb. 12, county representatives attended the tender opening for the project in Edmonton. Six tenders were opened, with the lowest coming from Sandstar Construction Ltd., at nearly \$5.9 million, 20 per cent lower than the engineering estimate, according to the county's March meeting agenda package.

"Indications from engineers is that putting off the overlay of the road will result in further deterioration of the road and increased future costs, as more work would be required to complete the overlay," said CAO Sheila Kitz at least week's meeting. "Additionally we would have increased annual maintenance costs."

Murphy Road is located in the eastern part of the County of St. Paul in Division 1. It runs parallel to Hwy 41 about 25 km to the east, with the county's portion running between Hwy 646 and Twp Rd 590.

The recently announced provincial budget did not have any money specifically set aside for resource roads, although it was noted at council's meeting there is some money for what is being dubbed as "special roads," according to Kitz.

As of last week, the county had over \$3 million committed from industry partners. Kitz said she had been speaking with some of the oil companies in the area and had verbal agreements with CNRL and Pengrowth, and was waiting for written letters from the companies.

"We currently have \$3.32 million committed from industry, with \$620,000 to come in the 2014 budget. The balance of these contributions will be \$1.5 million in 2015, \$400,000 each year 2016, 2017, 2018," said the agenda.

The MD of Bonnyville awarded the tender for its two miles of the Murphy Road in late February.

"I really don't think we want to miss this one," said Division 1 Coun. Glen Ockerman, as council debated what it should do in regards to Murphy Road.

Although the bids received on Feb. 12 were initially only good until March 14, council agreed to request an extension from Sandstar Construction, so a decision could be made after a scheduled meeting with the minister of transportation on March 17. That request was approved.

Council was also holding its budget meetings last week, and felt it could make a more informed decision following those discussions.

Coun. Laurent Amyotte questioned if the county really has a choice in the matter, since the road has to be repaired.

"I don't know that we do," said Reeve Steve Upham in response.

Council decided that in order to keep the door open for the province to come through with some funding, it would hold off on awarding the tender until after the meeting with the minister. The county has requested funding for the project in the past, but has so far been unsuccessful.

"If we are told no again, then we will have a more firm idea," said Upham.

A motion to table a decision regarding the road was carried. Due to the Review's press deadline, it was unknown what the result of the planned special meeting on Monday was.

Town council

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M. D. of St. Paul Foundation

Council received lodge operations financial statements from the M. D. of St. Paul Foundation, showing a healthy financial situation. A statement for the 2014 requisition was also received, in the amount of \$25,687.20.

FCSS

Council ratified the appointment of Micheline Walker and Clara Ference to the FCSS Board.

The FCSS Board advised council that they have hired Alania Sanregret as the new full-time FCSS Director. She will begin work March 17 and the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Deanna Easthope and Maria Cueva will assist the new director during the transition period.

Coun. Lorne Young, who sits on the FCSS

Board, said FCSS "is as diverse as the community it serves. It's designed to be flexible. The current director has done her mandate and then some. It all needed to be done, but some of it doesn't fit under the FCSS mandate."

The board will be reviewing duties and responsibilities with the new director to clarify what does fit within the mandate.



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Evening Agenda

5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. Guest Speaker
 Speaker: Honourable Ken Hughes
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 7:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting
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CAPC explores ongoing traffic issues

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and Area Community Advisory Policing Committee had a special guest at their March 12 meeting. Commercial vehicle enforcement officer Lance Skoog was working in this part of his very large coverage area and attended the meeting with RCMP Sgt. Dave Casey to discuss some of the ongoing traffic problems in the area.

In addition to checking out the safety of commercial vehicles traveling numbered highways, Skoog also does traffic and speed enforcement and checks that cargo is secured.

Victim Services coordinator Dawn Lavallee says she is "very busy," with three to four files a week to be taken care of, the majority of them stemming from family violence. She will take part in anti-bullying presentations in Fishing Lake during March and April, and is also on the committee preparing for a return of the P.A.R.T.Y. Program to F. G. Miller High School on May 13. Lavallee has been attending a series of meetings in Fishing Lake and says that the outreach programs in Frog Lake and Fishing Lake are "very important."

Mayor Parrish Tung told the committee he has received comments about the driving habits of gravel truck drivers and about the increase in traffic, and said he is "worried about this next year when Pengrowth gets (oil haulers) on the road."

An estimated 50 loads per day will be hauled in 2015, increasing to an eventual 600 loads per day, Sgt. Casey noted, "and it needs to be done safely, without any impact."

Skoog said there is a possibility of another control officer being transferred to the area, but "everybody wants to be in southern Alberta." However, he noted, recruitment is taking place for more control officers as the need increases.

Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich, who was welcomed to his first meeting with the committee, was interested in the percentage of drivers speeding through town on Highway 41, and on the need for vehicle inspections.

Crime Watch to meet in Elk Point

Levina Ewasiuk spoke on behalf of Rural Crime Watch, and said a new St. Paul RCMP liaison person had attended the organization's AGM. That meeting also saw the bylaws updated. The computer fan-out system is still not working, and members at that meeting "showed great interest in having a Rural Crime Watch computer in the new Elk Point detachment when it's built." She commented that RCW would welcome any available help at their upcoming April 5 bingo, and said that the next RCW meeting will be in Elk Point on April 10 at 7 p.m.

Al Pankiw said it was his final meeting as a representative of the Elk Point Oilmen's Association, as their AGM is slated for May 6, when a new slate of officers and directors will be chosen "and the new representative will be here in May."

FGM reschedules flash mob

F. G. Miller High School was well represented. Kira Brunner reported a great turnout for the Harlem Crowns game, with proceeds going to the school's phys ed program. She noted that the school will be having a dance on March 28. Hannah Ganske reported on the visit by entertainer and hypnotist Kiitokii on Feb. 5, and the "Slam the Door on Bullying" event on Feb. 28,

which went very well although many students were away because of bus cancellations. The flash mob scheduled for that day will be held March 19 instead. Savannah Lawrence handed out anti-bullying pledges and surveys, and also reported that the P.U.P. members will again take part in the Walk For Life in Lloydminster.

Sherry Bower-Gagne reported further on the P.A.R.T.Y. Program, which has a "really great committee, and the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) groups from F. G. Miller and Heinsburg will help out." She said a mock vehicle accident will be part of the program. The school staff attended a session at Blue Quills entitled "Whispering the Circle Back." She also said the school is working with the Elks Lodge and the town on plans for the skateboard park.

CAPC chair retiring

FCSS Director Deanna Easthope will be "officially retired by the end of March," with Alania Sanregret taking over the position as of May 17 and will represent FCSS at the next meeting. She commented that she has enjoyed working with the CAPC over the years. FCSS is currently "in a transition period... and heavy into income tax," as the department assists low-income individuals with the completion of basic tax forms.

Margaret Modin reported that the seniors are very busy. "Participation is small but active."

Sgt. Casey said his members have been "out a lot" in conjunction with Skoog's presence in the area, and "have made some truckers' days, handing out violation tickets. Usually a ton of other things are found when Lance does his walk-around." They are targeting a day in May for an enforcement blitz, he noted.

Regarding speed, "we are trying some initiatives, we have made an impact. We can't be everywhere at once." A new member is coming at the end of April, when he graduates from Depot, and Cst. Pedro Rodriguez will be moving to Calgary.

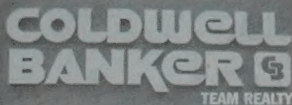
"We wore our pink shirts on Feb. 28," he reported.

Sgt. Casey has uploaded safety plans for schools, as pertains to lockdowns, and noted that a lockdown occurs when something happens within a school. "If it's something outside that's a concern, it's called 'a secure hold.'" He has five schools and two outreach schools in his area, each with a liaison member, and protocols are in place for the school division, where "threats are taken very seriously." Also pertaining to schools, he mentioned that, "we're out there as much as possible in school zones. We're there for student safety, but will stop for violations also."

The RCMP wants to be part of Canada Day again this year, and hopes to do another open house as well as being in the parade. "We would like to see the roads closed off for the parade," the sergeant noted, as last year vehicles were turning onto the route while the parade was in progress. He hopes to send a member to an upcoming Canada Day meeting.

It's also time for the RCMP's performance plan for the coming year, and Sgt. Casey would like to hear the concerns from the community.

Mayor Tung would also like to hear from the community, in his case regarding areas that need more street lighting. "If you see an area where it seems very dark, let the town know. The more light, the safer a community is."



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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyebo

- If you have a child that swallowed something poisonous, call your local poison control centre right away. Have the poison container with you and listen carefully to the questions you will be asked: what was swallowed, how much, what the container label says and if the child has had anything to eat or drink since the event. Speed is of the essence so listen carefully and act as directed.
- There seems to be some mixed signals about drinking alcohol while pregnant. Some stories have said it was OK in moderation but the best advice on this one is to not drink any alcohol while pregnant. Many thousands of children in Canada are born yearly with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome which causes a range of problems from physical disabilities to brain damage. Pregnancy and alcohol do not mix.
- Here's a suggestion about alcohol and pregnancy: The decision to have a child is usually a mutually-agreed decision between husband and wife. They both want the healthiest child possible. To this end, the husband can support his wife by also abstaining from alcohol for the term of the pregnancy.
- Flashes of light in your eye could indicate a migraine but it also could mean a serious eye problem called retinal detachment. This is a serious eye problem that could result in loss of vision. Get medical help right away.
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EDITORIAL

Time flies!

It's hard to believe, but it's 30 years this week since the first issue of the *Elk Point Lakeland Review* came off the presses, with L. H. Drouin as the new owner and publisher, Fija Schwab as editor, today's editor as a reporter and Donna Boothman as office manager.

Times have changed considerably since that time, with one change of ownership, three changes of publisher, five of office manager and the promotion of reporter to editor, along with an endless stream of new technology that has taken us from electric typewriters, film cameras and cut-and-paste layout to digital everything. It's a trend that shows no sign of stopping, and it has allowed us to progress in ways we never dreamed.

It has been our pleasure and privilege to serve this community for three decades, and we look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

WAY BACK WHEN...

First Reform MP, no thanks, new department

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 IN...

1989

Deborah Grey won the west in Beaver River's by-election, becoming the first Reform Party Member of Parliament in Ottawa. The long-awaited news that \$4.4 million in provincial funding had been allocated for a 30-bed long term care wing at Elk Point Municipal Hospital had the hospital board in a jubilant mood when it was announced by MLA John Drobot.

1994

Jim Penz of St. Paul and his rink defeated son Steve Penz and his foursome of Elk Point curlers in the Elk Point Mixed Bonspiel grand challenge, the fourth time in five years that father or son had taken home that trophy. The Town of Elk Point's 1993 financial statement showed a \$113,000 surplus, resulting from more grants being obtained than had been forecast, and expenses that had been less than anticipated.

1999

"Thanks, but no thanks" was the general consensus of Elk Point town council regarding the possibility of joining the town and County of St. Paul to hire a county fire chief, with Fire Chief Ken Palamarek giving the fire department's input on the matter in one word: "No." Seven months after the County of St. Paul's enhanced policing agreement started, the county voted to cancel their County Mountie contract due to dropping revenue.

2004

Town council agreed to establish a Community Support Services Department that would provide limited financial assistance gathered through donations and fundraising projects to organizations experiencing financial hardship. Elk Point Community Choir's production of 'Oklahoma' opened at the Elks Hall 61 years and one day after the Rogers and Hammerstein classic opened its 2,212-performance run on Broadway.

2009

Elk Point Skating Club took an appreciative audience on a virtual tour of the Seven Wonders of the World, from the Taj Mahal to the Great Wall of China, with former club member Helen Ramful and her skating partner Garrett Goodman as guest performers. Elk Point town council welcomed the public to an open house and their council meeting, held in the newly completed Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

SURVEY: 1200 UFOs SPOTTED IN CANADIAN SKIES IN 2013.

SKEPTICS REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT 1200 CANADIANS ACTUALLY LOOKED UP LAST YEAR.

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GUEST COLUMN

Keep your fork

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.



deanna
EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

"There was one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?", came the pastor's reply. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork'. It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie.

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come." The pastor's eyes swelled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favorite Bible and the fork placed in her right

hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question: "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her.

The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.

I hope you enjoyed this story as it reminded me that after our cold winter, we knew spring would come. Our endurance during the winter has been like "keeping the fork" - the best is yet to come was our hope. Spring we knew would come with summer after that.

Speaking of spring, some of you may be thinking of what needs to be done about your spring cleaning. The first item will be to "de-junk" stuff before actual cleaning can take place. Remember the de-junk rules. Ask yourself: 1) Do I need it? (do you REALLY need it?), 2) Do I use it? 3) Do I (still) like it? (ask yourself if it still brought you joy), 4) Would I miss it? 5) Do I have room for it? (A better question to ask yourself when you buy something is, "What does it replace and what am I willing to give up to have it?"), 6) Will something else that I already have do the job? Once you have asked yourself these questions then remember to do one thing at a time. For example, start with one drawer and finish it before moving on to the next drawer.

Spring cleaning your house is not the only thing you can complete with the de-junking action. Our lives is another area we can spend some time de-junking. Get organized; End the frustration disorganization causes you. Discover how to: uncover your own biggest personal time-wasters ... and eliminate them; find more free time - immediately - to spend how you want; eliminate unnecessary stuff at work, home, everywhere; stay focused on the task at hand - eliminate distractions; stop trying to do it all and deal with personal "baggage" in a positive way. Above all, remember the lady who asked to keep the fork in her right hand and what it meant. It meant something better was to come. After de-junking you will note something better will have come. Happy spring cleaning everyone!

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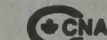
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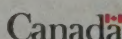
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Alberta Royal Purple Lodges Association president Joan Turner (left) and her favourite traveling companion, Clover the fundraising bear, were welcomed by Elk Point OORP Honoured Royal Lady Lois Sharek at last Tuesday's lodge meeting.

Provincial association president visits OORP

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple entertained some very special visitors at their March 11 meeting, when Alberta Royal Purple Lodges Association president Joan Turner, past president Betty Leschenko and outer guard Shirley Humble came to town as part of a series of lodge visits across the province.

Turner's theme for her year in office is 'Believe,' and she told the lodge members, "If you believe in something, you will work harder toward it. If you're not dreaming about something, you're not accomplishing it."

This year marks 100 years of OORP lodges, "a great milestone" Turner said. "How did it get started? Somebody had a dream and started it, now it's a leading national organization, helping children and communities."

Turner "wasn't much of a public speaker when I joined Royal Purple, but I've learned a lot of things – public speaking, finances and other skills."

Last year, 96 delegates attended the Alberta Royal Purple conference, "and this year, in Westlock, I want everyone to show up. You all have a vote, you all have a voice. We're always looking for new people for committees, and for new ideas. We can't keep going without ideas."

"Things cannot stay the same, and the association is working on ways to keep us going another hundred years," Turner

said. "We have met with the Elks Grand Exalted Ruler Jim McLeod and their provincial president, and with Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Margaret Brown. We want to keep going, and our success depends on us."

Without OORP, "children will suffer, communities will suffer, if we're not around to do the things we do," such as fundraising, donations and projects, she noted. "The conference is where decisions are made. Please be a part of it."

The provincial conference is slated for June 5 to 8, and Turner noted that the national OORP convention is also in Alberta this year, taking place in mid-July in Airdrie.

One of the prime topics at both gatherings will be a proposed name change for the organization, and Turner said, "We want to have this ironed out properly before we make a commitment that is best for the organization as a whole." More information on this will be available at upcoming district meetings, with a number of the Elk Point OORP members planning to attend the district meeting in Mannville on March 29.

Shirley Humble is also the District Deputy for this region, and urged all possible members to attend, as it is "important to see what we as a district are doing." The district meeting will be combined with some of the features of the traditional traveling gavel, which is usually held in the fall, but has been canceled the past two years due to lack of registrations.

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Peewee Avalanche win 'B' banner at home

They may have had many ups and downs this season, but that was all behind them this past weekend when the Peewee Avalanche hosted their home tournament winning the 'B' side and getting bragging rights over St. Paul for the whole summer. Maybe it wasn't a banner year, but it sure looked like it when they proudly carried the banner around the rink in the end of it all.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

the puck end to end, no problem. With his speed he can keep up with the best of them, Tyler Jamieson is yet another guy who has come a long way this year, he scored the second goal, his was assisted by "the Hulk" who also scored the third one, his assisted by Corbin "Crusher" Ockerman. Now "Crusher" is another huge success story, with his long smooth strides he has developed into one of the best D men on the team and as a bonus has developed a very nice low hard slap shot from the point, the kind that are perfect for deflections, not the kind that you have to duck out of the way of.

On to the final against St. Paul; the rivalry really building now; the Canadiens and the Avalanche battling it out back and forth going head to head. Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk scoring the first one assisted by the hard-nosed team captain Angus McFarlane and "Crusher". St. Paul answering with one to tie it. The "Hulk" with the second one, assisted by Angus McFarlane and Tyler Jamieson, but once again the Canadiens would tie it. Then it was "Coast to Coast" assisted by his wingman "Naz". The game now tied at three, going down the stretch until the to final 53 seconds, when the Avalanche took a one goal lead, his second of the game on a chip in by "Coast to Coast", assisted by Kaiden "K Rock" Evans-Anderson and "the Hulk". The Canadiens would pull their goalie, but the Avalanche rookie goalie call-up from the atom farm team Ronan "Radar" Poulin played spectacular, shutting the door in the final minute the Avalanche holding on for the banner. Helping his buddy "Radar" was another farm hand, Evan "Bat Man" Ockerman, who never looked out of place one bit on defense, although he's not nearly as tall as his big



Dennell Anderson photos

Elk Point Peewee Avalanche celebrates their win in the 'B' final of their home tournament, which was rescheduled from earlier in the season.

Earlier in the season, just before Christmas when the Peewee Avalanche tried to host a tournament, many of the teams were just too busy to attend so it was postponed to a later date. As soon as the peewees were eliminated from league play and provincials they put the word out and found four teams in the same boat willing to play one last weekend.

Saturday night in the first game, the Avalanche were shut down by the eventual A side winner, the Bonnyville Pontiacs. The Pontiacs are a big team with some exceptionally good skaters and skilled players.

With his huge shoulders he resembles the "Incredible Hulk" skating in all alone, Chase Dorey on a break away scoring a real beauty top shelf against the Vermilion Tigers in their second game. Chase has really improved this year and the main reason, in my opinion; on any given Sunday you will find him down at the rink, out there, sometimes by himself playing shinny.

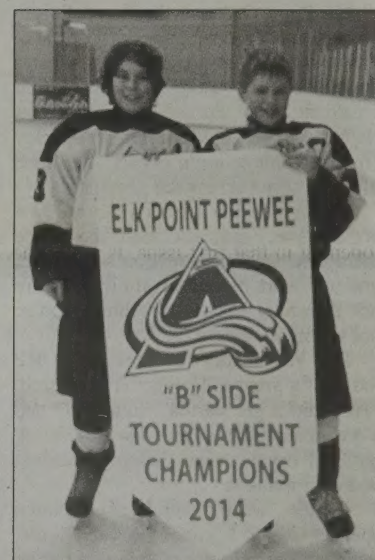
In the second game on Sunday, the Avalanche played St. Paul and tied three-all. Another player who has made great strides this year, in only his second year in organized hockey, Colby McQuinn scoring a nice one timer, assisted by Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak. "Coast to Coast" comes by his nickname honestly too, he can carry

brother the "Crusher". Not on the score sheet but certainly still playing a big part with the win, Brandon "Bart" James with his speed doing an awesome job of fore-checking. Applaud, applaud, and applaud!!!!!! A big thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful weekend and to Subway for sponsoring subs and cookies.

This is what we do in Canada!! On March 1st while I was basking in the sun down in Florida watching the Blue Jays play the Yankees, it was 35 below up here without the wind chill when the Micro Novice ventured out to Dewberry and played two games in their tournament, winning both of them. In the first one, Brendon Haesch-Baker with a hat trick, Kale Hoeving, "Bo Diddly" Fontaine and Gavin "Giv'r" Kadutski with two each, "Cyclone Cole" Pierce with one and "Timmy Joe" Cardinal on the doorstep tapping in a rebound. In their second game "Bo Diddly"

Fontaine with a hat trick, "Giv'r" Kadutski with two, "Cyclone Cole" Pierce, Kale Hoeving and Brendon Haesch-Baker with one each.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "When I look at a net I don't see a goalie." Last week's answer to: "Yeah I'm cocky and I am arrogant. But that doesn't mean I'm not a nice person." – Jeremy Roenick



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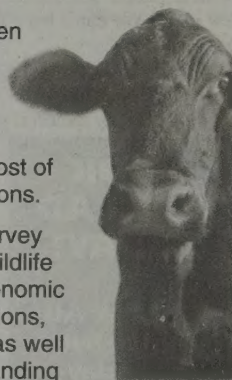
A short survey has been developed to gather information from beef producers in Alberta as part of a project to help understand the cost of wildlife to beef operations.

The purpose of the survey is to understand the wildlife species having an economic impact on beef operations, what the impacts are as well as to gain an understanding of the costs of these impacts. This is the initial step to understanding the complexity of wildlife and human interactions.

Council is encouraging all beef producers to participate in the on-line survey at www.beefsurvey.ca



Deadline to answer the
survey is
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Guest Speaker:
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More carnival
photos...

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Her prince has come

...And Snow White
(Candice Braun)
delights in skating
with him (Kaiden
Evans-Anderson) at
Saturday's carnival.

Vicki Brooker photos



Catherine Nofall in the
Huntsman solo.

Mirror, mirror...

The queen's magic
mirror is not telling
her what she wants
to hear, and sends
her on a quest to
find and destroy
"the fairest of them all."



Skating carnival

(Continued from Front Page)

Kaylee Radcliffe celebrated the discovery with a solo, "Just Like a Dolls' House."

The dwarfs aren't very good housekeepers, and Snow White recruits Can Skate Group Two, Shairenne Ginez, Robin Koren, Felicity Winchester, Ella Ballas, Sophie Kim, Talyn Gadwa and Peyton Skolarchuk, to "Whistle While You Work" as they helped clean up the mess. Meanwhile, the dwarfs, Pre Power group members Raif Evans-Anderson, Bo Fontaine,

Ethan Castle-Wasson, Ryan Cameron, Sydnee Crawford, Gunner Crawford, Kady Bourne, Riley Bourne Logan Swedgan and Cole Pierce are working hard down in the diamond mine, picking at the hard rock walls to "Heigh-Ho."

After a brief intermission, which gave the crowd an opportunity to bid on an array of silent auction items and buy a few more 50/50 tickets, the story resumed and the Pre Power dwarfs came home to find a big surprise - not only did they have a guest, she had the house clean and supper ready. But there was another surprise: they had to wash up first!

The queen hears rumours about Snow White's whereabouts, and thinks up the perfect way to do her in. Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble, she concocts a poison apple and dressed as an old hag, brought to life by Keanna Radcliffe, to deliver it.

Both Can Skate groups were on the ice for the "Dwarfs' Yodel Song," celebrating the joy of life with the little men. Dreaming of true love, Snow White shares her dream with the dwarfs as the Junior Star Skaters performed to "Some Day My Prince Will Come."

The evil hag, now played by soloist Chyanne Fisher, tracks down Snow White despite the best efforts of the forest creatures to warn her. As Snow White takes a bite and falls asleep, the creatures go for help, bringing back Senior Star Skate dwarfs Janyka Evan-Anderson, Keanna Radcliffe, Kaylee Radcliffe, Candice Braun, Catherine Nofall and Chyanne Fisher, who chase the queen away, just before the handsome prince arrives to awaken Snow White.

The entire cast joined them on ice to take their bows in the Grand Finale, the carnival's equivalent to "Happily ever after..."

The afternoon ended with the presentation of gifts to the coaches and their assistants, and the presentation of awards to the year's top skaters:

Can Skate: 1st runner-up - Miles Koren, 2nd runner-up - Vanessa Ginez, Can Skater of the Year - Shairenne Ginez.

Junior Star Skate: 1st runner-up - Aurora Smith, 2nd runner-up - Kyra Ockerman, Junior Star Skater of the Year - Katelyn Boratynec.

Senior Star Skater of the Year - Chyanne Fisher.

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Vicki Brooker photo

OBITUARY

BUECKERT, Eva



On March 12, 2014, Mrs. Eva Bueckert of Elk Point passed away at the age of 58 years.

She is survived by 2 daughters & 2 sons, Daphne Bueckert of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Tracy (Sheldon) Kinjerski, Raymon (Tanya Miller) Bueckert & Christopher Bueckert all of Elk Point; 2 grandsons, Cameron & Xander; 5 brothers & 2 sisters, Dave (Bev) Ginther of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, John (Linda) Ginther of Warman, Saskatchewan, Mike (Julianne) Ginther of Rapid View, Saskatchewan, Bernie (Evelyn) Ginther of Warman, Saskatchewan, Dan (Darlene) Ginther of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Sarah (Alvin) Hiebert of Martensville, Saskatchewan & Annie (John) Bueckert of Asquith, Saskatchewan; sister-in-law, Anne Ginther; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John; parents, Sarah & Jacob Ginther; & brother, Jacob Ginther.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Elk Point Seniors Centre, Elk Point. Pastor Duane Grant will be officiating, with interment in Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada or Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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**BUCK,
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On March 11, 2014, Iryne's last wish came true. She passed peacefully away in her sleep, just as she had always wanted.

Iryne leaves behind three daughters, Karen Stults of Sherwood Park, Connie Buck of Edmonton and Beverly Pede of Calgary; three grandsons, David Stults (Des Ryzuk) of Edmonton, Ian Stults of Sherwood Park and Michael Pede of Calgary; her sister, Helen (George) Lange of Saskatoon; plus many nieces, nephews and their families. Predeceased by her husband, Mike in 1980; son-in-law, Dean; parents, Ivan and Rose; brothers, Toby and Victor and sister Anne.

Funeral Service Friday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Elk Point Seniors Centre, 5010 - 48 Street, Elk Point, AB. Interment in Moosewah Cemetery, Lindbergh, AB. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Iryne may be made to the Cross Cancer Institute, Alberta Cancer Foundation, 11560 University Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6G 1Z2.

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Wild Pink Yonder

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The information suggests that communities strike a committee to plan fun and fundraising events that will "turn the town pink" in conjunction with the ride's visit.

Lions Club

Elk Point Lions Club has approached the town regarding the possibility of building a shelter near the water spray park, seeking the town's support regarding a location,

site preparation and liability coverage. Council agreed that they would give the Lions the same conditions as the Elks will have for their skateboard park, and will suggest the Lions talk to the Elks regarding the develop-

ments, which would be in the same area.

Grant update

The total project costs on the sewage lagoon are to be submitted to the government for payment of grant funding.

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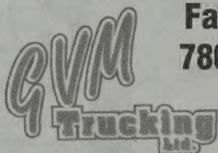
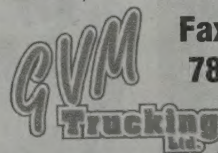
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School board

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The further expansion of the new Two Hills Mennonite School sits second on SPERD's list of capital plan priorities. While the replacement building, scheduled to open in 2015, has a capacity of 550 students, current enrollment is 518 students and is estimated to exceed 100 per cent capacity by the time the school opens its doors.

The draft states, "enrollment has increased by 40 students per year over the past eight to 10 years. If this enrollment continues going forward we will need to look at other options."

Champagne said it likely won't be easy, as there is not a lot of room to expand.

"The site only has room for so much expansion," he said, adding there is hope expansion may not be necessary. "If you look at our enrolment at that school it typically goes up by about 40 students per year. Is that trend going to continue? It's hard to say, it's mostly based on immigration right now, so at what point does that level off? It's difficult to say."

Sitting at three and four on the capital plan priorities list are New Myrnam School and Heinsburg Community School, respectively.

New Myrnam School's original building was constructed in 1954, and the facility lacks a proper centralized HVAC until, which has resulted in insufficient air exchange. While boilers at the school were recently replaced and an electrical upgrade was completed, the draft states "significant work is still required to address additional mechanical and functional concerns."

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